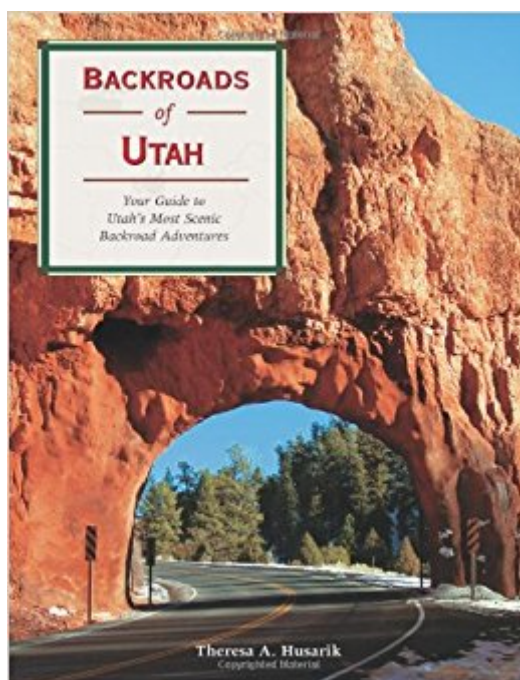


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Backroads Of Utah: Your Guide To Utah's Most Scenic Backroad Adventures



Synopsis

Known for its canyons and breathtaking views, its whitewater rivers and Wild West outposts, its tranquil lakes and fantastic rock formations, Utah is one of the most beautiful and varied places on the planet. *Backroads of Utah* takes you to every corner of this spectacular state, from Dinosaur National Monument to Rainbow Bridge, from historic squares to outlaw hideaways, from the vaulting natural arches of Arches National Park to the exquisite formations in Timpanogos Cave. Utah, home to five national parks, seven national monuments, and six national forests (as well as forty state parks and an extensive system of scenic byways), has something for every traveler. And whether you're seeking adventure or the quiet contemplation of nature, an immersion in history or a taste of culture, the backroad adventures charted in this book will take you where you want to go. Theresa Husar's inviting text and lovely color photographs offer a thorough overview of Utah's landscapes, its legacy, and its people. With detailed travel directions and maps, as well as entertaining sidelights from the state's history, this handy guide to Utah's justly famous attractions and lesser-known gems makes a perfect companion for any traveler in the Beehive State.

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Customer Reviews

Not long ago, the only way to explore Utah was by backroad. While the Beehive State now has one of the fastest-growing populations in the West, Utah is still full of off-the-beaten-path places that offer views of breathtaking mountain peaks, vast dry desert landscapes, glowing red-rock arches, and signs that dinosaurs and ancient peoples once lived here.

Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã In Backroads of Utah, longtime resident Theresa A. Husarik leads you on thirty driving toursÃ¢â¬â complete with maps and route directionsÃ¢â¬â to the stateÃ¢â¬âs most scenic corners. YouÃ¢â¬âll visit all five of the stateÃ¢â¬âs stunning national parksÃ¢â¬â Bryce Canyon, Zion, Capitol Reef, Arches, and CanyonlandsÃ¢â¬â as well as abandoned Old West mining towns, majestic mountains that are home to the greatest snow on earth, and the Great Salt LakeÃ¢â¬âs largest island.

Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Ã Tracing the history of Mormon pioneers, mountain men, and even the movie business in Utah, this book also takes you along the old Pony Express route, follows the Colorado River to glorious Lake Powell, and heads to rugged lands that will test your sense of off-roading adventure. With more than 120 full-color photos of UtahÃ¢â¬âs best scenery, as well as interesting historical archive photos, Backroads of Utah truly showcases the many inspiring wonders of this state.

Theresa A. Husarik is a writer, photographer, and Utah resident with a love of travel and the outdoors and nearly twenty years of experience exploring the nooks and crannies of her home state. Her images and articles have appeared in numerous publications worldwide, and since 1997, she has produced about.com's Salt Lake City web site (SaltLakeCity.about.com).

I WISH I HAD HEEDED THE OTHER REVEIWS I READ... WE WANTED TIPS TO OFF THE BEATEN TRACK THINGS TO SEE AND DO ... BUT MOST OF THE NARRATIVE WAS TYPICAL TOURIST RHETORIC. PICTURES ARE TRULY BEAUTFUL AND IF THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THIS IS THE BOOK FOR YOU.

The guy who gave this a one star was being generous. Too bad I had already bought the book by then.I am surprised that this book found a publisher; must be nepotism or something.Also, seems pretty sneaky to give your own book a five star review. Authors should NOT be reviewing their own books!

This book is excellent! I bought it about 3 weeks ago, and I happened to be meeting some friends in Colorado this past weekend at Dinosaur National Park. So I threw the book into the car almost as a last minute thought. Thank heavens I did because I ended up getting lost and used the maps to get me on the right track. After we were well on our way, and going the right direction I started reading through the book while my husband drove. We decided that because of her great descriptions that

we wanted to go see Josie Bassetts cabin. That night around the campfire, I read the section about Vernal, Greenriver and Dinosaur National Monument to my friends from Colorado (one who is blind). It was great because it gave us a sense of history about the place. The part about Josie was very cool and we would have never known all that had I not got the book. For the next couple of nights I ended up reading sections of the book to my friends around the campfire. It made us all want to explore Utah more. In fact we are going to Bear Lake in a couple of weeks and wouldn't leave home without it. As for the pictures - they are exquisite! Colorful and clear, the ones of the wildflowers are amazing. As to the previous person's post - not sure why he thinks any of these roads are not backroads - most of Utah is backroads. I have lived here for over 10 years and I highly recommend this book - it gives you information that you can't find at the monuments, or parks - it gives the history of individuals and so much more. If you buy one book for your road trips this is the one to buy!

I own this book and love it. The cover photo really drew me into the contents. I had intended to thumb through this book one evening, but instead found myself reading the whole thing. I'm surprised and sorry that a previous reviewer was so negative; it's a shame to be so critical. I'm happy with the text as well as the images--the author did a wonderful job. I've only been to Utah for short visits, so I can hardly wait to use this fine resource for a lengthier exploration of this lovely state.

I love this book. Bought in the Spring, it is a very popular among the house guests. I went on line to buy a few for gifts. The obviously active author took the photos and drove the roads, rather like an old fashioned "route 66" take on travel. However, the information is approachable and current spiced with a little history. Enjoy!

What a GREAT Book! Now I know what I've been missing - and where I'm going NEXT! Thank you -

I am the author of this book and doing the research for it was the funnest job I ever had. It was my "job" to travel around the nooks and crannies of Utah, go hiking and camping (and driving, of course) meet people and learn about the area and take pictures. The hard part was deciding what to put in (I was restricted to 30 trips and Utah is full of interesting backroads.) Don't ask me which drive is my favorite because I can't possibly pick! Each part of Utah is a little different than the other and each has its own beauty and amazing recreation opportunities. Each also comes with some pretty

amazing history. And, besides the text, the book is full of full-color pictures (125+) as well as several black and white historical photos. The pictures make it kind of like a picture book with lots of text. A friend who bought the book said, "Looking through and reading this makes me want to get in the car and go for a drive. And the text and sidebars include some great out of the way things that make it obvious the author has been there several times and really knows Utah."

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